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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:
  - at least one base station;
  - at least one wireless terminal wirelessly connectable to one or more base stations and wirelessly connected to said at least one base station, each base station operative in communicating an incoming communication directed to, and an outgoing communication originated by, each wirelessly connected wireless terminal; and
  - a base station rules database comprising representations of base station rules restricting features of said each wireless terminal wirelessly connected to a respective said each base station, wherein any restriction for said each wirelessly connected wireless terminal is dependent on the base station rules corresponding to the respective base station, and
  - wherein said respective base station applies said base station rules to communications responsive to said communications between wirelessly connected wireless terminals and said respective base station and the location of each of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals.
2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the base station restricts features depending restriction on features depends at least on the time of day.
3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the base station restricts features are restricted depending at least on the priority of said each of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals.
4. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the base station restricts features depending restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is incoming or

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outgoing and the base station selectively prevents incoming communications from reaching ones of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals while allowing outgoing communications.

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the base station restricts features depending restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency.

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one wirelessly connected wireless terminal is a wireless telephone.

7. (currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein the base station prevents a restriction on features is that at least one wireless terminal from ringing may not ring while wirelessly connected to said respective base station.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of terminals is associated with an incoming communication, and whether the one of a plurality of terminals is connected to a base station that is selectively operative in communicating incoming communications directed to the one of a plurality of terminals;

accessing, in response to the incoming communication and in the event of the one of a plurality of terminals being connected to said base station, at least one database to look up base station rules governing restriction on the base station connected to the one of a plurality of terminals, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of the one of a plurality of terminals; and

activating the one of a plurality of connected terminals if allowed, wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the base station in the base station rules.

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10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up the base station rules governing restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals, and wherein the allowance depends at least on the restriction on the one of a plurality of terminals.

11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance does not depend on the location of the at least one terminal.

12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependent.

14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the allowance depends at least on the format of communication.

15. (previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the one of a plurality of terminals is a wireless telephone in a private wireless network.

16. (original) The system in claim 9, wherein the restriction on the base station is that the base station may not cause the one of a plurality of terminals to ring.

17. (previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up base station rules governing restriction on a base station in response to the base station receiving a signal from a wirelessly connected terminal associated with a request for an outgoing communication by the wirelessly connected terminal, the restriction on the base station being independent of the specific identity of at least one of a plurality of wirelessly connected terminals; and

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selectively allowing outgoing communication from said wirelessly connected terminal responsive to the restriction on the base station.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of accessing the at least one database to look up terminal rules governing restriction on the wirelessly connected terminal, and wherein the allowance is responsive to restriction on the terminal in the terminal rules.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance is responsive to whether the wirelessly connected terminal is inside a predetermined room.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance is responsive to whether the communication is designated as an emergency.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the restriction on the base station is time-dependent.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance is responsive to format of communication.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the terminal is a wireless telephone in a private wireless network.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the allowance is independent of the location of the wirelessly connected terminal.

25. (currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein each respective base station determines from said base station rules database ~~determines~~ whether to apply the rules ~~whether to apply~~ for each wirelessly connected terminal responsive to wireless connection to said ~~whether to apply~~ each respective base station, but otherwise are independent of the location of said each wirelessly connected terminal.

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26. (currently amended) The system in claim 1, wherein the base station further restricts ~~restriction on features are further applied~~ responsive to the specific wirelessly connected wireless terminal.

27. (previously presented) The system in claim 1 wherein the restriction on features includes a restriction invoked by said each base station independent of the specific identity of the wirelessly connected wireless terminal.

28. (previously presented) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:

a plurality of base stations;

at least one wireless terminal wirelessly connectable to said plurality of base stations and wirelessly connected to one of said plurality of base stations;

a base station rules database with representations of rules for restriction on at least two base stations, the rules of restriction indicating whether or not each base station subjects a communication received by the base station to a restriction that is independent of the specific identity of the communication originating device and independent of the specific identity of the communication destination device, wherein at least one of the communication originating device and the communication destination device is said at least one wireless terminal within a coverage area of said one; and

wherein said base station rules database is accessed responsive to communications between wirelessly connected wireless terminals and respective ones of said plurality of base stations and the location of each of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals.

29. (currently amended) A system for restricting features in a wireless network, comprising:

at least one base station;

at least one wireless terminal wirelessly connectable to and wirelessly connected to said at least one base station, each base station operative in communicating an incoming communication directed to, and an outgoing communication originated by, each wirelessly connected wireless terminal located within a given range of said each base station; and

a base station rules database comprising representations of base station rules for individually restricting features provided by each said at least one base station to each connected

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~~of each~~ said at least one wireless terminal wirelessly ~~connected to said each base station~~, wherein the restriction on features depends at least on whether a communication is designated as an emergency and independent of any information about said each at least one wireless terminal, and wherein said base station rules database is accessed responsive to communications between wirelessly connected wireless terminals and respective base stations and the location of each of said wirelessly connected wireless terminals within a given range of one of said respective base station.

30. (previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

determining which one of a plurality of wireless terminals is associated with an incoming communication, and whether the one of a plurality of terminals is wirelessly connected to a base station that is selectively operative in communicating incoming communications directed to the one of a plurality of wireless terminals;

accessing, in response to the incoming emergency communication to the one of a plurality of wireless terminals wirelessly connected to said base station, at least one database to look up base station rules governing restriction on the base station wirelessly connected to the one of a plurality of wireless terminals; and

selectively activating the one of a plurality of wireless terminals responsive to the emergency communication being designated an emergency.

31. (previously presented) A method for the restriction of features in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

accessing at least one database to look up base station rules governing restriction on a base station in response to the base station receiving a signal from a wirelessly connected terminal associated with a request for an outgoing emergency communication by the wirelessly connected terminal; and

selectively connecting the wirelessly connected terminal for the outgoing emergency communication responsive to the emergency communication being designated as an emergency.